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Harmony with Mother Earth

The General Assembly,

Expressing concern at the documented environmental degradation and the widespread changes resulting from human activity,

Recalling the 1982 World Charter for Nature,[1]

Recognizing the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,[2]

Reaffirming also Agenda 21[3] and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[4] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[5] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation")[6]

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[7]

Recognizing its resolution 63/278 of 22 April 2009, on the designation of International Mother Earth Day,

[1] Resolution 37/7, annex.
[2] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.
[3] Ibid., annex II.
[4] Resolution S-19/2, annex.
[5] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.
[6] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.
[7] See resolution 60/1.

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Convinced that humanity can and must live in harmony with nature,

1. *Invites* Member States, the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, and international, regional and subregional organizations to transmit to the Secretary-General their views on the scope and content of a possible declaration of ethical principles and values for living in harmony with Mother Earth;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it, at its sixty-fifth session, a report on the views and comments received in relation to the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session an item entitled "Harmony with Mother Earth" for consideration by the Second Committee.